

SHOW DESPERATE COURAGE.

Japs Commit Suicide Rather Than Be Captured.

Port Arthur, May 5.—The Japanese displayed desperate courage in their fireships attack on the night of Tuesday. The ships as they approached were divided into three groups, all heading straight for the entrance of the harbor. While still far from the shore they ran on the Russian mines and they were under a murderous fire from the Russian batteries. Three torpedo-boats followed the fireships to pick up the crews of the latter. When the first ship foundered the crew clambered up the mast, cheering for the emperor of Japan as they went down. From the masthead of the second vessel as she began to sink her crew waved lanterns to indicate her course to those astern. Their small boats, though soon riddled, did not raise the white flag.

A Japanese sailor, who came ashore at Electric Hill when summoned to surrender, sprang forward with a revolver in his hand and died fighting. Another Japanese sailor, who was pulled out of the water tried to throttle himself with his necktie.

One of the Russian rowboats which approached a sinking ship for the purpose of saving her crew, was met by small arm fire.

The Russian sailors showed every consideration for the captured Japanese, wrapping them up in their own coats and carrying them ashore.

One of the rescued Japanese officers committed suicide by disemboweling himself, declaring he would rather die than go home in disgrace.

FALLS FROM HIGH ESTATE.

Too Much Liquor Proves Downfall of Trusted Seattle Phone Manager.

Seattle, May 5.—S. B. Claypool, until recently the manager of the Independent Telephone Company, in Seattle, committed suicide in a room in the Hotel Northern late yesterday afternoon by shooting himself through the head with a .45-caliber revolver, the bullet passing through the brain.

Because of heavy drinking and neglect of business, Claypool recently lost his position, which was one of the best salaried ones in the city. He could not find other suitable employment and as a result drank all the more. He became deeply in debt and for that reason ended his life. He left no letter, telling of the deed, but his closest friends were not surprised, for they had anticipated that the man's career would end in exactly that manner.

Claypool was one of the founders of the Independent Company, and it was largely through him that the city council granted the franchise, after one of the bitterest fights ever waged in that body. Claypool, for his good work, was made manager of the company, and was given several shares of stock. The company has been a money maker from the start.

Claypool's body was found about three hours after he had shot himself, by a chambermaid, who had gone to his room to clean it. Examination showed that the man had first attempted to bleed himself. His wrist was cut in two places. He had washed the blood from the wrist and afterward used a revolver to finish the job. He left a wife and a 4-year-old boy.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Oregon City, Ore., Feb. 18, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the State of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Fred Hendrickson, of Astoria, County of Clatsop, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 6366, for the purchase of the N. E. 1-4 of Section No. 20, in Township No. 5 N., Range No. 8 west, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the County Clerk of Clatsop County, at Astoria, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 10th day of May, 1904.

He names as witnesses: Arthur M. Smith, of Astoria, Clatsop Co., Oregon; Charles C. Kaup, of Astoria, Clatsop Co., Oregon; J. R. Wherry, of Elsie, Clatsop Co., Oregon; Roy Wherry, of Collins, Washington.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 10th day of May, 1904.

ALGERNON S. DRESSER, Register.

A THOUGHTFUL MAN.

M. M. Austin, of Winchester, Ind., knew what to do in the hour of need. His wife had such an unusual case of stomach and liver trouble, physicians could not help her. He thought of and tried Dr. King's New Life Pills and she got relief at once and was finally cured. Only 25c at Charles Rogers' drug store.

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GEORGE H. HIMES' LETTER
DEEMED IMPERTINENT BY
MEMBERS OF CHAMBER

Purposed to Awake Society's Secretary to
Fact That McTavish Monument Be-
long to the City of Astoria.

Sentiment Is Expressed Locally That the Self-Constituted, Guardianship of the Historical Society Is Not in Keeping, With
the Ability of the People of This City to Take
Care of Their Own—Another Letter.

The acknowledgment of George H. Himes that he has the missing McTavish monument in good news to the members of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce. The accusation against Mr. Himes uttered by President Jas. W. Welch, of the chamber, has acquainted the members with the whereabouts of the relic and give the special council committee an idea of the steps which will be necessary to secure its return to the city which owns it. Because of the information that has resulted, gratification is expressed that Mr. Welch's statement elicited the indignant reply of the assistant secretary of the Oregon Historical Society.

Mr. Himes' letter to The Astorian is regarded as rather an impertinent one. Members of the chamber appreciate that Mr. Himes is really devoted to collection of the historical relics of the state and that his work along this line has always been patriotic. But they resent his assertion that the monument will not be returned unless the society has the assurance that it will be properly cared for.

"I'd like to know what business it is of Mr. Himes if we do not take care of our monument?" said a prominent member of the chamber yesterday, after he had read Mr. Himes' letter to The Astorian and the explanation which he sent to the Oregonian. "He tells us that we must create a large fund to care for this relic of early days, with Mr. Welch at the head of the list of contributors, before his society will return our gravestone. Now, if that isn't nerve, I don't know what you would call it. I believe we will be able to demonstrate to Mr. Himes' entire satisfaction that we will get back the monument without any such assurance being conveyed to the historical society. The chamber of Commerce is going to collect all the relics of interest that belong in this county, and it will certainly cause the return of the stolen monument.

"And I'd like to know who sent the McTavish monument to Himes. He says some patriotic Astorian, with a wholesome dread of ghouls, asked him if he did not want this relic of rare historical value. Why doesn't he give the name of the patriot? It seems evident to me that he knows the man himself is really a ghoul and that he is trying to protect him from the law. But it would be interesting to know the name of the man who took it upon himself to give away this gravestone without consulting anyone in a position of authority, or asking the permission of the city council, or even letting it become known that he intended despoiling the resting place of the hapless McTavish. I can not understand such philanthropy. To my mind this thing of giving away what

belongs to another is larceny, pure and simple.

"I have an idea the council committee will bring Mr. Himes and the historical society to a sudden understanding of what is right in this matter. The Portland hog is anxious to display the relics of the state at her city hall, but if there is a law which will punish ghouls and those persons who receive stolen property the hog will be deprived of at least one interesting relic in the collection."

The theft of the monument has attracted widespread interest, and there will probably be some interesting developments before the relic is returned to this city.

MR. HIMES IS VERY SARCASTIC.

Says He Does Not Intend Purloining the Whole of the County.

Mr. Himes writes a supplemental letter to The Astorian from Portland in which he assures the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Welch and others that he does not intend removing to Multnomah county the earth which makes up the county of Clatsop. Likewise he commends to the consideration of the chamber the advisability of maintaining guard over Shark rock to see that this spot of historic interest is not swiped. Mr. Himes is evidently pretty mad because the chamber has called him to account for acquiring (to use a charitable expression) the McTavish monument. In his second letter he says:

Portland, May 5.—(Editor The Astorian)—For the benefit of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. James W. Welch and others who may not know, permit me to say that some years ago the site of Fort Clatsop embracing three acres, was purchased by the Oregon Historical Society at an expense of \$250. Twenty-five dollars more were paid to an Astoria gentleman for surveying and platting the same. About the same time steps were taken to protect the site of the salt cairn on the sea beach between Grimes' and the Seaside hotels, and also to secure title to the same, in trust for the state. All this at the expense of about \$300.

So you see the society I represent has not been unmindful of the interests of Clatsop county; and this effort has not been put forth for the ulterior purpose, some time in the not far-distant future, of feloniously abstracting the aforesaid sites and transporting them out of Clatsop county. So, gentlemen, do not become unduly alarmed. In this connection, however, I would like to recommend the public spirit manifested in making "Shark rock" accessible, and beg to suggest that the members of the chamber take turns in standing guard over that to prevent its being spirited away.

GEORGE H. HIMES.

A Non-Conductor.

There is going the rounds in certain fraternal circles a god story on a certain candidate for initiation into the order of the Mystic Shrine, which recently gave a big celebration at the Mechanics' pavilion, where after the initiatory ceremonies 1200 persons sat at banquet. During the progress of the strange and wierd rites this pilgrim was inducted by processions best known to the enlightened through

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numerous startling electrical devices were utilized.

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They further found out that the candidate had suspected that something might be doing and had, therefore, heeded the forewarning thought. Suffice it to say that after the discovery the cuteness availed nothing, for before the ceremonies were concluded the pilgrim had been fully instructed in the fine arts of high-class initiation.—San Francisco Call.

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